

House File 2176 - Introduced

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BY MERTZ

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the maximum duration of a spousal support
2 order.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 598.21A, subsection 1, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 Upon every judgment of annulment, dissolution, or separate
4 maintenance, the court may grant an order requiring support
5 payments to either party ~~for a~~. The order shall be limited
6 ~~or indefinite to a~~ length of time not to exceed ten years,
7 unless the court cites exceptional circumstances and extends
8 the duration of support. The court may grant an order after
9 considering all of the following:

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill limits the maximum duration of an order granting
12 spousal support to a party to 10 years unless the court cites
13 exceptional circumstances and extends the duration of support.
14 Currently, the court may grant such support for a limited or
15 indefinite length of time.